

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-3, 6 and 9 remain pending. Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice.

As requested in the Office Action, the substitute specification from the parent application is filed herewith. This includes revisions to the Abstract as requested. The cross reference to related applications has been updated as requested.

Editorial revisions have been made in the claims pursuant to the constructive suggestions provided at pages 2-6 of the Office Action. Accordingly, the objection and rejection for indefiniteness should be withdrawn.

The cancellation of claims 7-8 renders moot the rejection of those claims for obviousness. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

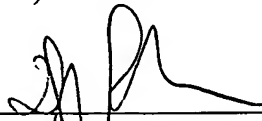
Applicants courteously request favorable reconsideration of this application in the form of a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any issues remain that prevent the allowance of this application.



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Respectfully submitted,

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